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INFORM CONSULS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, E & E, VS, UNHCR

SUBJECT: E & E: DESIGNATION OF GUAM AS A STAGING AREA  
FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: STATE 092867

1. FACED WITH THE RAPID INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES  
FROM VIETNAM WE HAVE DESIGNATED GUAM AS A PRINCIPAL STAGING  
AREA AND WILL BE TRANSPORTING REFUGEES THERE. GUAM WILL  
SERVE ONLY AS A TEMPORARY LOCATION FOR THE SCREENING AND  
PROCESSING OF REFUGEES PRIOR TO ONWARD MOVEMENT. THE  
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH OVERALL

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM AND HAS ALREADY PLANNED TRANSPORTATION. THE FIRST FLIGHTS BEGAN ON APRIL 23 AND CONTINUING FLIGHTS WILL MOVE VIETNAMESE FROM CLARK AIR FORCE BASE AND SAIGON. IN COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM DOD IS PREPARING TEMPORARY SHELTER AND CARE FOR AN INITIAL ESTIMATED ARRIVAL OF PERHAPS 25,000 REFUGEES. TEAMS SPECIALIZED IN PROVIDING REFUGEE RELIEF ARE BEING CONSTITUTED. THE ADVANCE PARTY FROM THE UNITED STATES WILL DEPART ON APRIL 23. AMERICAN VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ASSIST IN THE GUAM RELIEF OPERATION.

2. WE HAVE ALSO BEGUN TO FLY VIETNAMESE ALREADY ADMISSABLE UNDER IMMIGRATION LAW OR THE PAROLE DETERMINATION DIRECTLY TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. VIETNAMESE WHO GO TO GUAM WILL NOT BE ENTERING THE UNITED STATES FOR IMMIGRATION PURPOSES. RATHER WE HAVE ASKED INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AND VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST IN THE ONWARD MOVEMENT AND EVENTUAL RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN ALL COUNTRIES WILLING TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY. IN GUAM WE WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SCREENING REFUGEES AND PLANNING THEIR ONWARD MOVEMENT. WE ARE SENDING TO THE ISLAND IMMIGRATION AND CONSULAR OFFICERS WHO WILL DETERMINE WHICH VIETNAMESE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION INTO THE UNITED STATES.

4. FOR GENEVA: YOU SHOULD PASS TO THE UNHCR, ICEM AND ICRC THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE MESSAGE AND IN VIEW OF THEIR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING ASK (1) UNHCR TO HEAD THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO RESETTLE VIETNAMESE WITH ASSISTANCE AS APPROPRIATE FROM ICEM AND ICRC; THIS EFFORT WILL HAVE USG FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT; (2) TELL US WHAT COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN RECEIVING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, TO WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES UNHCR PLANS TO APPEAL AND WHERE UNHCR WOULD LIKE THE UNITED STATES TO PURSUE INQUIRIES ON A BILATERAL BASIS; (3) WHAT FACILITIES ON GUAM WOULD UNHCR, ICEM AND THE ICRC LIKE TO HAVE AVAILABLE.

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5. IN THE EVENT THAT VIETNAMESE ARRIVE BY THEIR OWN MEANS OR SEEK ASYLUM IN ANY THIRD COUNTRY AND THE HOST GOVERNMENT REQUESTS YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THEIR EVACUATION, YOU SHOULD ADVISE THAT IN OUR OPINION THE HOST GOVERNMENT OUGHT TO APPROACH THE UNHCR WITH WHOM WE INTEND TO COOPERATE FULLY. KISSINGER

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